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SUBJECT: SALE OF RESEARCH REACTOR TO ARGENTINA

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 970 (B) PETER JONES TELCON OF MARCH 6

TO: MR. RALPH PETERS OR
JOHN BATCH
GENERAL ATOMIC CO
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
CABLE: GENATOM

1. FOR PETERS: AS DISCUSSED IN OUR MOST RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, CLIFF METZNER AND PETER JONES CALLED ON CASTRO MADERO ON MARCH 3, 1978 TO MAKE GENERAL ATOMIC PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN YOUR TELEX OF FEBRUARY 10TH. CASTRO MADERO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN YOUR PROPOSAL, BUT INDICATED THAT BEFORE MEETING WITH YOU TO DISCUSS HE WANTED TO ENSURE THAT NEW, NON PROLIFERATION ACT SIGNED ON MARCH 10, 1978 BY PRESIDENT CARTER DID NOT IN ANY WAY PREVENT OR COMPLICATE THE ACQUISITION OF LEU TECHNOLOGY AND FUEL FROM US SOURCES.

2. UPON REVIEWING RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE ACT, IT APPEARS THAT THE SECTION REQUIRING ALL IMPORTERS OF U.S. NUCLEAR EXPORTS COME UNDER FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS WITHIN 24 MONTHS,
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COULD INDEED COMPLICATE THE TRANSACTION YOU PROPOSE. IN ADDITION WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THAT NRC WILL APPROVE ANY NEW LICENSE FOR FUEL TO ARGENTINA UNTIL WE HAVE RENEGOTIATED A NEW NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.

3. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE INTERPRETATION OF ACT THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT. SUGGEST GENERAL ATOMIC MAKE

SIMILAR ENQUIRIES.

4. FOR BATCH: HAVE YOUR CABLE CONFIRMING PETERS REQUEST
FOR VERIFICATION OF ARGENTINE INTENTION TO PROVIDE REACTOR
TO URUGUAY. WE WILL COMPLY. WE ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO
DETERMINE WHAT IF ANY FINANCING ARGENTINA WILL PROVIDE PERU
FOR THIS REACTOR SALE. REGARDS. SIGNED, PETER E JONES,
COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, US EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.
CASTRO

NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED ABOVE ADDEE.

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